



MCC[®]

METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, June 22, 2014
2nd Pentecost

*Maintaining Dignity
in an Undignified
World, Part II*

930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
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**The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in
Christ, changing lives and transforming the world**

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading


Tough News/Good News

Children's Blessing

Live Boldly

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song


Commission's Blessing

NOTES FROM THE MCCLV

office

Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel

Office Hours:

Monday: 8am-2pm

Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm

Fri: 8am-12 noon

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to see Music & Worship Director Brian Jones** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.



MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office.
Thank you for your cooperation!

Forge is Growing

God is doing wonderful things at MCCLV! Some of the many blessings given to our community in recent years is the spiritual growth, care and fellowship that is evidenced in our small FORGE groups. For some time now we have been exploring the possibility of beginning a Spanish Speaking FORGE group. In order to proceed with this possibility, the FORGE ministry is asking that if you have an interest in participating in such a group that you contact ministry coordinator, Robby Schotter at

robby.schotter@mcclv.org and make him aware of your interest. In addition, if you know someone who might be

interested please
pass the word!



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kind of keeps
me out

Dios está haciendo cosas maravillosas en MCCLV! Algunas de las muchas bendiciones de nuestra comunidad en los últimos años es el crecimiento espiritual, la atención y la amistad que se evidencia en nuestro

pequeño Forjar grupos. Desde hace algún tiempo hemos estado estudiando la posibilidad de comenzar a forjar grupo habla español. Con el fin de continuar con esta posibilidad, la forja ministerio pide que si usted tiene un interés en participar en el grupo que se ponga en contacto con coordinador del ministerio, Robby Schotter

at robby.schotter@mcclv.org y tome conciencia de su interés. Además, si usted conoce a alguien que pueda estar interesado, por favor pasar la voz!astor

Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. Barb Baus is serving as coordinator of this effort that feeds a hungry corner of Allentown with fresh fruits and vegetables. Stay tuned for more details!



Beginner Ball Room Dance Lessons

Where: MCCLV's Fellowship Hall

When: Friday July 11, 2014 - Friday August 22, 2014

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm



Dances include:

- Fox Trot
- Waltz
- Cha Cha
- Swing
- Polka

Sign-Up Sheet in Fellowship Hall*

All are welcome you do not need a partner

Contact: Ed Robinson - (610) 703-7223

Loreli Bauer - (267) 421-4436 or email
lorelibauer@aol.com

DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. Elaine Ely is a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the area of end-of-life issues, loss and grief, being hosted by MCCLV.



Her current hours at the church are:

Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

(other hours can be arranged upon request).

For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.

Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.

Food Pantry

Contributions are always needed for MCCLV's Food Pantry, bring in a donation whenever you are able. Volunteers are also needed for the Pantry.

Contact Judy McNally via e-mail at: njm0@lehigh.edu



Save The Date



July 26, 2014
7pm



**Final Freedom To Marry Event followed
by an Ice Cream Social**

An opportunity for a
free legal ceremony
Stay tuned for more details

*****Save The Date*****
Saturday November 8, 2014
Tricky Tray



Committee Meets:
4th Wednesdays
May through October
MCCLV's Children's
Sunday School Room

See Sue Carpenter for more details or email her at:
sue.carpenter@voya.com

Yard Sale Fundraiser
Saturday July, 19, 2014

All proceeds are for the MCCLV Food Pantry to help with
materials needed for set up and to
supplement supplies

See Barb Baus for more information and
to sign up to help.



DO YOU HAVE A CARE NEED?



Are you scheduled for surgery? Do you desire a home visit? Are you in need of a prayer partner? MCCLV's Congregational Care & Health Ministry Coordinator is Karl Steiner. Let Karl know you care needs by seeing him in person following the worship service, e-mailing him at karl.steiner@mcclv.org or phoning him at (610) 987-2858. Karl will coordinate care for you through MCCLV.

Raise Funds For People Living With HIV/AIDS



The HIV/Positive Living Group at MCCLV will be coordinating the church's FACT Games, an event that raises funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. The event includes fun games like a pie-eating contest and relay races. The Games will take place in September. Stay tuned for more details

Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to protect the church's congregants, staff, and building?



Meets 4th Sundays

For more information, please see

Lauren Sheldon

laureneshedon@gmail.com or

Emma Marrero

emma.marrero@kidspace.org



Do you desire to serve God as part of the worship service here at MCCLV?

The church seeks individuals interested in serving as Ushers, Acolytes, Blessers as well as Tech Squad and Altar Guild. See Music and Worship Director Brian Jones or email brian.jones@mcclv.org for



MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to www.youtube.com and search **MCC LV**.

**MCC Lehigh Valley's B.A.S.I.C. Presents:
"Singing With the Saints!"**



**Enjoy a free evening of
fun and fellowship
through song with
MCC Lehigh Valley's
"Brothers and Sisters
In Christ"**

Saturday July 19th 6:00PM
MCC of the Spirit:

**2973 Jefferson Street, Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania 17110**

Help Out MCCLV's Pastor



Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of Her book prepared following her sabbatical months August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the pastor following worship or contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also if you have experience with the publishing industry or using a literary agent, see the Pastor.

A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK

**Kindness is the language which
deaf can hear and blind can see**

(Mark Twain)

*****Retirees Gatherings Changing*****

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in
MCCLV's Fellowship Hall
9:30 to 11:00am



Come and share comradery with
similarly blessed retirees!



For more information, contact
Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org or
Elaine Ely, pastor_elaine@yahoo.com

- - 20s30s Meets First Friday! - -

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Looking for some fun and fellowship? Would you like to connect with others in your age group? Join the fabulous 20s30s crew at their regular gatherings at **7pm on this Friday** at MCCLV. It's a great place to meet others with common goals and kindred spiritual journeys.



For details contact Scott George e-mail:
smgmcclv@gmail.com

Serve God and MCCLV as Media & Marketing Coordinator!
For more information email rev.goudy@mcclv.org

Are you in need of individual prayer?

MCCLV's prayer room is reserved every Sunday after Worship for intercessory prayer. See Loreli Bauer who will arrange a deacon to pray with you. You can also email her at lorelibauer@aol.com

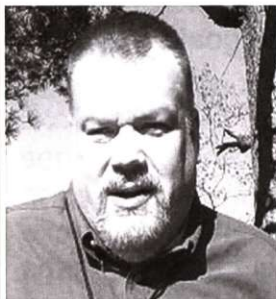
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress. God made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and the Lord brought them to their desired haven.

Psalms 107:28-30



MCCLV Stewardship Team

The MCCLV Stewardship Team Kickoff Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 26 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda of this first meeting will



be to view a replay of the UFMCC Stewardship Webinar that was presented in May 2014. Seeking participants who would like take part in visioning and developing MCCLV's Stewardship Program. All are welcome. Contact Jim Harbst at jim.harbst@icloud.com for additional information or questions.

Early Morning Prayer

So what is prayer? Prayer is a relationship, wherein we humbly communicate, worship, and sincerely seek God's face, knowing that God hears us, loves us and will respond, though not always in a manner we may expect or desire. Prayer can encompass confession, praise, adoration, supplication, intercession and more.

Early Morning Prayer at MCCLV, 9am every Sunday is a wonderful time to focus on our Creator, get caught up with God, and start your worship day with power.

Come and be blessed!



HIV Positive Support Group



A HIV support group at MCCLV **meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm**. The focus is on living a positive life with HIV—the group is called HIV/Positive Living. This will be a chance to share and have candid discussions. This group is limited to those with HIV, but there will be occasional guest speakers. If you are interested, please contact **Dean Hiatt** at robdean@ptd.net

MCCLV SOFTBALL: CALLING ALL PLAYERS

Recruiting! You are needed! All are welcome!

If you like to have fun, fellowship and a fierce time
come out and play ball!



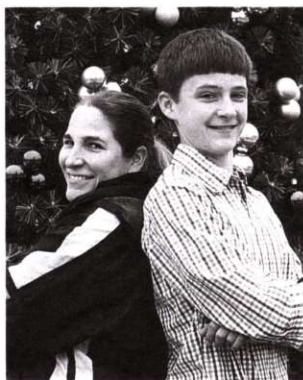
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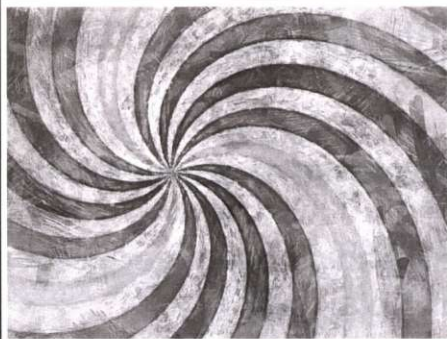
June 29th from 2pm-4pm at
Dieruff High School
815 N. Irving Street
Allentown, PA 18109

Bring your glove, water and
sunscreen.

Can't wait to play catch with
you!

See Dana Houck or Weston
Carpenter for more information





In June & July, MCCLV
hosts Centering Prayer at
6pm on Wednesdays in
the church's Prayer Room.

All are welcome to
participate.

ASSIST YOUR CHURCH with its annual Pride Festival participation

Do you enjoy big festivals and
meeting new people?

Do you love telling people about
the great things happening at
MCCLV?

To learn more about how to be a part of the
special day, contact MCCLV's Pride Festival
Coordinator Gavin Neese at:
neese10@gmail.com



Wednesday Evenings at MCCLV - Adult Bible Study -

During the months of June & July, MCCLV hosts an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans and Corinthians. The studies are led by Rev. Goudy and people from all levels of Biblical background are invited to take part. The Romans study is titled "*Why Do Evangelicals Love Romans So Much They Want to Marry It?*" The 1 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church*" and the 2 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church, Continued.*"

Schedule:

June 18 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 1-6
June 25 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 7-10
July 2 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 11-16
July 9 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 1-7:4
July 16 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 7:5-13



Earn Money for MCCLV Shopping at AmazonSmile



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support MCCLV at no cost. To shop at AmazonSmile go to www.smile.amazon.com and 0.5% of any product marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" will be donated to MCCLV. Those with an existing Amazon account, can continue to use that same account on AmazonSmile. First time visitors to www.smile.amazon.com will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations. MCCLV is listed as "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**" and will be remembered so that all future purchases made at AmazonSmile will result in a donation to MCCLV. Questions, please see any member of the Board. Again, it's "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley.**"

Move to scripture

FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group is **not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group is a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

***Contact group leaders to learn more ***



FORGE West Leaders:
Scott George smgmccclv@gmail.com
Ron Smith rsmith@mccclv.info



FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus
babaus@hotmail.com
Lauren Sheldon
laureneshedon@gmail.com



FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer lorelibauer@aol.com
Elaine Ely pastor_elaine@yahoo.com



So Much Life! So Much to Learn!! Start Soon!!!

Beginning Sunday, June 22 at 9AM, MCCLV will offer for your learning pleasure 9 amazing **LIFE LESSON Seminars**. We never know what challenges life will bring -- these seminars will prepare you for many of them.

- Achieving and Sustaining Emotional Health (2 Seminars)
- Dealing with Loss
- Adoption & Custody Issues in the GLBT Community
- Alternate Gender Topics and Panel Discussion (2 Seminars)
- Being a Long Term Care Giver
- Estate Planning -- Finances & Insurance
- GLBT Perspective on Wills and Other Legal Documents

For more information, see Barb Baus or email Karl Steiner
karl.steiner@mcclv.org.



*He gives strength to the weary and
Increases the power of the weak.*

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Isaiah 40:29

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the font on this
every week*



UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

3rd Pentecost: June 29, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity in an Undignified World, Part III"**

4th Pentecost: July 6, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2:19-22 & Philippians 3:17-21

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"The USA is Not a Christian Nation"**

5th Pentecost: July 13, 2014 @10:30am

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Run the Race"**

6th Pentecost: July 20, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scriptures Readings: Exodus 24:12-18 & Isaiah 40:9

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Hike The Mountain"**

7th Pentecost: July 27, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104:24-35

Preaching Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Sail the Sea"**

8th Pentecost: August 3, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Exodus 31:12-17

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **"What A Sabbatical Is (And Isn't)"**

Today's Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,

and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,

all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,

and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,

she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night

and provides food for her household

and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;

with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,

and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,

and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor,

and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows,

for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings;

her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates,

taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them;

she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing,

and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,

and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household,

and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy;

her husband too, and he praises her:

'Many women have done excellently,

but you surpass them all.'

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,

but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,

and let her works praise her in the city gates.

I can barely
read
this -
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to be
enlarged

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
6/15/2014	107	\$3,481.72
6/8/2014	101	\$1,808.51
6/1/2014	97	\$2,671.81
5/25/2014	88	\$2,588.74

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:

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20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality,
Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

Spiritual Formation:

Robert Schotter | robby.schotter@mcclv.org

Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming
and Children & Youth Ministry

Outreach & Justice:

Barb Baus | Email coming soon

Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Pantry and
Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,
Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith

**If you would like an item included on the Board agenda
see any Board Member**

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